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constructed response with the keyword data wherein upon a determination of failure of the learner, remedial information is provided to the learner before the learner is prompted to enter another learner-constructed response.

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²/₈ (Amended) The program of claim ¹/₄ wherein the comparison comprises a determination of whether or not expected keyword data appears in the learner-constructed response, the keyword data comprising at least one synonym.

A3
³/₁₄ (Amended) A method for implementing an automated learning system comprising:

presenting at least one knowledge topic to the learner and for prompting the learner to enter a learner constructed response thereto;

comparing keyword data that corresponds to the knowledge topic with the learner-constructed response; and

determining success or failure of the learner to know the knowledge topic, the success or failure being determined by whether or not expected keyword data appears in the learner-constructed response, wherein upon a determination of failure of the learner, remedial information is provided to the learner before the learner is prompted to enter another learner-constructed response.

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⁵/₁₉ (Amended) The method of claim ⁴/₁₈ wherein the comparing comprises a determination of whether or not expected keyword data appears in the learner-constructed response, the keyword data comprising at least one exact keyword.

⁶/₂₀ (Amended) The method of claim ⁴/₁₈ wherein the comparing comprises a determination of whether or not expected keyword data appears in the learner-constructed response, the keyword data comprising at least one exact phrase.